

**Virginia Board of Psychology
Regulatory Committee Meeting
DRAFT Minutes
September 3, 2008**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. on September 3, 2008, in board room 1 of the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

PRESIDING: Michael Stutts, Ph.D., Chair of the Regulatory Committee

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert S. Falk, Ph.D.
Desideria S. Hacker, Ph.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeffrey L. Clark, Ph.D.
Sonia Price, Esq.

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
Carole Miller, Administrative Assistant
Beverly Hutson-Bryan, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Jennifer Morgan, Chair, Regulatory Affairs Committee, Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists (VACP)

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dr. Falk made a motion to approve the May 21, 2008, minutes. Dr. Hacker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Regulatory Review:

The Committee discussed the work undertaken over the past year based on the Petition for Rule-Making from VACP asking the Board to amend the regulations to allow the supervised "direct services" work occurring in the doctoral practicum and internship experiences to be sufficient without the requirements of the post-doctoral Residency currently required for the clinical psychology license. The committee discussed the various pros and cons of the proposal based on the extensive research gathered and considered by the committee.

The committee also discussed the following:

1. ASPPB Guidelines for Practicum Experience, a study recently completed by ASPPB,
2. Research of all state psychology boards' experience requirements compiled by Carole Miller, staff of the Behavioral Science Unit,
3. Statistical data gathered by Evelyn Brown about disciplinary action taken against Clinical Psychologists licensed in Virginia which demonstrated that new licensees (licensed from 0-5 years) are far less likely to be disciplined by the Board of Psychology than licensees who have held licenses for longer periods of time.

Dr. Falk made a motion to recommend that the full Board amend the Regulations to consider the part of Periodic Review of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Psychology, that the 2 years of pre doctoral supervised clinical experience be substituted or used to supplement the post doctoral residency requirement. Dr. Hacker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Dr. Stutts stated that he would prepare a document to provide at the October 3, 2008, board meeting. He will summarize the work related to supervision of the Regulatory Committee over the past year, will summarize the ASPPB Practicum Guidelines, and will also address the Committee's rationale for recommendation that the experience requirements in the regulations be amended in the Regulations Governing the Practice of Psychology.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Michael L. Stutts, Ph.D. Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director